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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director/AQUATONE

THROUGH : Project Director of Administration

SUBJECT : Detachment A Briefing

1. In accord with our conversation of 9 April 1950, I have given serious consideration to the advisability of a complete briefing of all Detachment A personnel regarding project sponsorship and mission prior to overseas deployment. This problem and policy decision has been completely reviewed with the appropriate knowledgeable officials of the Office of Security.

2. It is the consensus of opinion and recommendation that all Detachment A personnel, including supplier representatives, be given a full briefing regarding Agency sponsorship of project activity. In addition, in general terms it is recommended that these same personnel be given information concerning project mission.

3. It is felt that a briefing of this nature is in the best interests of ultimate security of project activities in view of the diverse parentage of detachment personnel and the realistic problem created by approximately 60 per cent of detachment being already knowledgeable of such matters. As you have pointed out the detachment component is roughly 1/3 Agency staff employees and 1/3 Agency military staff employees. The remaining personnel comprised of supplier representatives at present also have a few key persons who are knowledgeable.

4. The recommendation that the entire unit be given a briefing is based on the further realization that the small number of our people who will not be previously aware of such matters will be required in overseas operations to live and work in continuous proximity of knowledgeable individuals. In connection with the recommendation it is also suggested that we will want to give a very strong, dignified briefing at a special gathering of the entire detachment.

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